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TWELFTH JOINT USIB COMINT/ELINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Conference Room, East Building, CIA, 17 November 1961

Mr. T. Achilles Polyzoides, Department of State, Chairman, COMINT Committee
[REDACTED], Interim Chairman, ELINT COMMITTEE

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PRESENT:

STATE

Mr. Richard E. Curl

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ARMY

Mr. Herbert W. Taylor

AIR FORCE

Col. Philip G. Evans

NAVY

Capt. Donald M. Showers

JOINT STAFF

Col. Walter S. Hammond, USAF*

OSD (OBSERVER)

Mr. Robert E. Rich*

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Lt. Col. Harry J. Thompson, USAF

ALSO PRESENT:

NAVY

Capt. Charles R. Clark

Lt. Lonnie M. Barrow

Miss Dora A. Davis

CIA

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AIR FORCE

Mr. David S. Clark

ARMY

Mr. Jack E. Thomson

Mr. Richard Battey

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GMAIC

Mr. John A. Marshall

SECRETARIAT

Major Alva H. May, USAF

The Twelfth Joint Meeting, 17 November 1961, came to order at 0930 and adjourned at 1005.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-CC-5.3/351
USIB-EE-5.3/167

Item 1 considered at the Twelfth Joint Meeting of the COMINT and ELINT Committees, held on 17 November 1961.

Subject: Minutes of the Eleventh Joint Meeting.

PROBLEM:

To approve the Minutes which had been submitted to the Members.

DISCUSSION:

The NSA Member had several proposed changes to the Minutes of the Eleventh Joint Meeting. It was suggested that the NSA proposals be circulated for consideration and the matter be deferred to the next Joint Meeting now scheduled tentatively for 28 November 1961.

DECISION: (17 November 1961)

The NSA proposed changes to be circulated and the matter to be considered at the next Joint Meeting.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-CC-29.16/9
USIB-EE-29.16/2

Item 2 considered at the Twelfth Joint Meeting of the COMINT and ELINT Committees, held on 17 November 1961.

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& NSA 25X9

Subject:

Reference:

USIB-CC-29.16/8 and USIB-EE-29.16/1,
7 November 1961.

PROBLEM:

To consider a joint NSA-CIA proposal contained in the reference.

DISCUSSION:

The Joint Staff Member commented on the complexity of the problem and suggested that Committee consideration of the NSA-CIA proposal be deferred to permit additional study.

The COMINT Committee Chairman agreed that further study was necessary, but recommended that a Joint Ad Hoc Working Group be constituted to make a detailed analysis of the problem and to prepare recommendations for later Joint Committee consideration.

A proposal to call a moratorium on all new SIGINT projects involving [REDACTED] was rejected. The Members agreed that it would be desirable for all such projects to be compatible with the NSA-CIA proposal, but that no Committee attempt should be made to stop new projects while long range policy decisions were being studied.

DECISION: (17 November 1961)

An Ad Hoc Working Group, under the Chairmanship of CIA, was established to undertake a detailed analysis of the joint NSA-CIA proposal concerning [REDACTED] and to present recommendations for Joint Committee consideration at an early date.

Members are to notify Mr. [REDACTED] (Code 143, EXT 5541) concerning their representation on the Ad Hoc Group. The Group is to meet Monday afternoon, 20 November 1961. After this meeting the Group Chairman is to advise the Secretariat concerning a possible date for further Committee consideration of the problem.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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USIB-CC-29.3/2
USIB-EE-29.3/2

Item 3 considered at the Twelfth Joint Meeting of the COMINT and ELINT Committees, held on 17 November 1961. 25X1D NSA

Subject:

Proposed Release of [REDACTED] Intelligence Data to [REDACTED] and Requirement for Collection from Areas Under [REDACTED] Influence.

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& NSA 25X9
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& NSA 25X9

Reference:

USIB-CC-29.3/1 and USIB-EE-29.3/1
8 November 1961.

PROBLEM:

To consider the GMAIC proposal circulated with the reference, particularly from the standpoint of the COMINT and ELINT aspects of the problem.

DISCUSSION:

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& NSA 25X9

The GMAIC representative, Mr. John A. Marshall, in response to a question on the purpose of the proposal, indicated that there was not any intent to disclose to the [REDACTED] any COMINT or ELINT, necessarily, nor any wish to take any action which would tend to jeopardize such collection activities. He referred to a USIB proposal relative to the forthcoming NATO Ministerial Conference and stated that he felt the GMAIC proposal could be considered a parallel action.

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& NSA 25X9

The Air Force Member raised several questions regarding the proposal which tended to show that there might be good reasons for not approaching the [REDACTED] as proposed, in view of certain past successes of alternate collection actions. He provided some evidence in support of his feeling that we should not involve the [REDACTED] and referred to still another alternate capability for collection as justification for not acting with undue haste at this time. He then suggested that the COMINT and ELINT Committees appoint an Ad Hoc Working Group to do some further study on the problem, rather than attempting to air all facets of the matter in a Joint Meeting, and that the Committees jointly consider the problem later.

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& NSA 25X9

The CIA Member referred to work done by his agency in the past year in looking at [REDACTED] and indicated that the results of this work could undoubtedly be of value to the Ad Hoc Group.

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& NSA 25X9

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~~There was brief mention of the possibility of establishing in the [REDACTED] among other areas, but rejection was general in view of other problems which would unduly complicate activities in that country.~~

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It was generally agreed that there are areas (outside of [REDACTED] interest) and facilities which appeared to offer less difficulty than some of the courses of action discussed.

It was agreed that there is no great urgency associated with the problem; therefore, an Ad Hoc Working Group, to be chaired by the Air Force, will review the problem with a view toward developing recommendations for later consideration jointly by the COMINT and ELINT Committees. It was understood that the Ad Hoc Group Chairman would contact GMAIC and CCPC to determine if those Committees would care to be represented in the discussions.

DECISION:

(17 November 1961)

To appoint an Ad Hoc Working Group, chaired by the Air Force for a full review of the matter, and a later report to the COMINT and ELINT Committees.

ACTIONS FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Note for information.

SECRETARY'S NOTE

Lt. Colonel R. J. Gardinier - Code 11, Extension 76095 has been named by the Air Force Member to chair the Ad Hoc Working Group. Other Members should notify Lt. Colonel R. J. Gardinier as to their representation on the Group.

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